



Chapter 2
The Church

Knapp's Valley, West Virginia, between Knapp and Hurricane.
It was organized as Mount Carmel Church in Knapp's Valley
about the year 1, 1808. Rev. J. B. Holt of Hurricane, Pa.
preached the dedicatory services. Rev. J. B. Holt was the
pastor in charge.

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MOUNT CARMEL METHODIST CHURCH --Knapps Creek

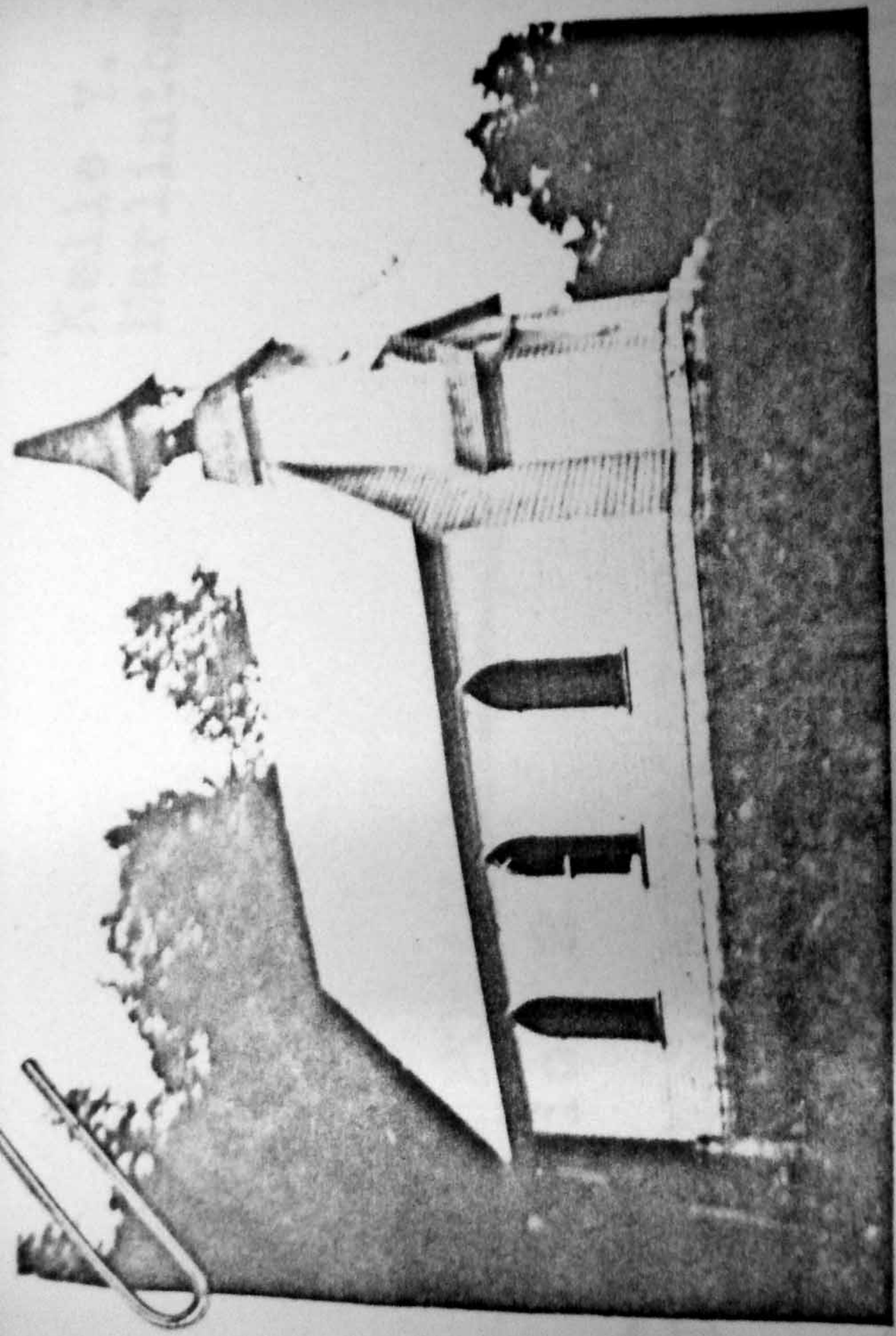
is located near Knapp's Valley, West Virginia, between Knapp and Hurricane.

Organized and built 1905.

could not work on their farms.

Before the church was built, the people of the com-
munity worshipped in the Sunday school which was organized
in 1877. After this date, probably the year 1880,
services were held in it. The late Mr. William W. Price
preached here and his sermons were well appreciated
by all denominations. Some of the preachers who
served here were W. B. Williams, J. B. Gresham, J. W. Price,
J. L. Hamilton, W. H. Brown, W. L. Fisher, W. L. Price,
W. B. Price.

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CHURCHES

Mount Carmel Methodist Church stands in the Knapps Creek Valley, about half-way between Frost and Huntersville. It was dedicated as Mount Carmel Methodist Episcopal Church South on October 1, 1905. Rev. H. L. Hout of Roanoke, Va., preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. J. D. Pope was the pastor in charge.

Many people donated and contributed to the building in various ways. Preston M. Harper and Henry Newton Moore did much of the carpenter work on winter days when they could not work on their farms.

Before the church was built, the people of the community worshiped in the Sunset schoolhouse which was erected in 1877. Soon after this date, probably the next year, services were held in it. The late Rev. William T. Price preached here and his sermons were very much appreciated by all denominations. Among the Methodist pastors who served here were W. H. Ballangee, W. C. Cassard, D. L. Reid, J. L. Henderson, C. M. Sarver, S. A. Parker, B. L. Parrott and George H. Echols.

PASTORS OF THE MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH 1905-1940

J. D. Pope
Thomas cooper
D. Garfield Brimlow
Thomas Morgan
J. Chester crothers
K. D. Swecker
J. W. Leggett
C. E. N. Hall
Elmer C. Sloan
Palmer Eubank

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Mack Thommasson
A. W. Henton
E. W. Brubaker
W. B. Reynolds
H. B. Smith
W. B. Mundy
L. W. Griggs
H. L. Shiley
S. R. Simpson

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AVAILABLE NAMES OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Preston M. Harper
Fannie L. Harper
Fannie Grace Cleek
Mrs. Eudora A. Pritchard
Norval W. Pritchard
Annie Grace Pritchard
J. C. Harper

C. P. Collins
Henry Newton Moore
Allie B. Moore
Grover W. Moore
Mrs. Edith Hiner
Mrs. Lou Goulet
Annie M. Woods

S. R. Simpson was the first pastor after the unification of the three branches of Methodism in 1939. The present membership of the church is forty persons.

The trustees of the church property (1940) are: C. D. Newman, Grover W. Moore, E. W. Ruckman, C. P. Pritchard, and J. C. Harper.

Information from Miss Enid Harper
taken from the church records.